

Memorandum



To : SAC (183-3449)

Date

8/5/85

From : SA [redacted]

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Subject : Genovese LCN Family; Control of
Street Fairs and Feasts

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The Genovese LCN family has historically controlled all street fairs, carnivals, and festivals in the NYC area. This control was exercised for years by Salvatore (Skinny Sal) Celentino, and was passed to [redacted] upon Sal's death in 1971. [redacted] reports to Peter Defeo according to [redacted] (1980).

By memo, US Secret Service advised that [redacted] and [redacted] Sica [redacted] Electric are partners with [redacted] in all street feasts and fairs.

An anonymous letter received in 1983 stated that [redacted] report to [redacted] who in turn is responsible to Vincent Gigante.

A second, and separate anonymous letter received in August 1985 stated that [redacted]

[redacted] report to [redacted] [redacted] who reports to Gigante.

It is recommended that a new 183 case be opened and assigned to writer, captioned as above, to investigate and determine the extent of extortiomatic control of these feasts by the Genovese family.

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New York City

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Subject: ORGANIZED CRIME CONTROL over all STREET FESTIVALS, CARNIVALS
in TRI-STATE AREA

Dear [redacted],

For nearly forty years i earned my living by working street festivals in new york city and through out new jersey. We always had to pay a little sweet and money to the mob, this year however, it's become impossible. Now they want our blood. The feasts are now under the direct control of [redacted] of Greenwich Village. He's a Capo in the Mob Family of Vinnie "the Chin" Gigante

[redacted] has his two cronies shaking down every vender who works in these street festivals. All feast business is divided into two parts.

First Part Food concessions - controlled by [redacted]

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Second end of business controlled by [redacted]

[redacted] in addition to paying over 75.00 to 100.00 per day in rent we are now taxed an additional 250.00 at the end of each spot for protection. This shake down money goes into the pockets of [redacted] Vinnie "the Chin." I was told by my lawyer friend that this definitely comes under the jurisdiction of the F.B.I. because we are forced to pay whether we work in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. Federal Laws are broken when [redacted] shakes us down across state lines. There must be some way you and your agents can get him for parole violations. [redacted] was in Danbury Prison a short while back and should be sent back to jail.

[redacted] are both millionaires and file false tax returns. They both look like poor bums but in reality are vast land owners. [redacted] has two brothers [redacted] Together they [redacted] have all Long Island locked up. Another cronie of [redacted] is a man [redacted]

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called [redacted] ~~Cafe Rosa Italian Restaurant on Court and Carroll Streets in Brooklyn. Each morning they meet here to talk about the [redacted] money they earned through the [redacted]~~

[redacted] All razzals and gambling in the feasts are controlled by [redacted] puts all racket games b6 in the streets. Right now they are working on Carmine Street under the banner of Our Lady of Pompeii Church in Manhattan. They have razzals and con games in the streets. They even control the gambling in the Church..(question Fr. [redacted]) b7C

They are also working on 17th Avenue in Brooklyn in August they work 20th Avenue in Brooklyn and then over the Labor Day week end the famous Gambino -

[redacted] on 18th Avenue in Brooklyn. [redacted] sets all games up in these feasts... The Razzals using ping pong balls or clothes pins, the pool games and the rings with the coke bottles. [redacted] also has what they call the

"Block Games" this is where an unsuspecting public citizen tries to throw a wooden circle around a piece of wood that has a 100, \$50.00 or 20.00 bill wrapped around it. This money game is in the streets. When they work in the streets in Astoria Queens or Brooklyn or the 6th Pct in Greenwich Village, or the Bronx cops do get paid off. It all seems too far fetched to be true.....but it is. My lawyer friend says this mob controlled enterprise is too big to break, but I believe when parasites like [redacted]

[redacted] in the picture those of us on the inside looking out say to ourselves....what's taking the authorities so long? [redacted] operates a small candy apple stand in all feasts with [redacted] as front to the mobs extortion racket. b6 b7C

Drained Out.

ASAC 2 - Story



Agent [redacted]

Organized Crime Task Force

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

26 Federal Plaza,

New York New York 10013

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(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

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[redacted] U.S. Atty

ORGANIZED CRIME TASK FORCE,

Re: All street Festivals, Feasts,
Carnivals - racket games, Razzle
Dazzle and gambling

Sirs:

I have earned a living working the Feasts in all five new york city boro's Nassau and suffolk county. This year things are different. The Mob has come down hard on us. All the vendors bitching that the west side gang is strangling us. The word on the street is that a man by the name of [redacted] is controlling the feasts for Chin Gigante. We have to pay a rent to the sponser plus electric bill our stock, now the Mob collects 250.00 to \$300.00 after each feast as shakedown money - they call it privilege for being allowed to work the streets. Sometimes there are fifty or sixty vendors in each feast, multiply that by \$300.00 for each of us times twenty five or thirty feasts a year and your talking about a lot of cash for

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[redacted] has two associates

shaking all of us down:

In charge of GAMES

[redacted]

RAZZLE DAZZLE GAMES run by
[redacted] gypsies, [redacted] and family
Rings thrown around blocks of wood
with money attached to it.

In charge of FEUD

[redacted]
San Gennaro Society, b6
NYC b7C
124 Thelma Avenue
Merrick Long Island.
He's collector from
all food vendors. He
operates like he's got
a license...to shake us
down.

A lot of us are poor people who have to
break our backs to earn a buck. There is nothing else for us to do.

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[redacted] don't want any one to earn a living...he wants all game vendors off the streets so he can put all his own equipment in the streets. [redacted]
[redacted] has two brothers who work all carnivals and feasts in Nassau and Suffolk counties for THE MOB.

St. Anthony's - ~~MOB FEASTS~~ Mott Street NYC in memorial day week

9th Avenue Festival NYC

1st, 2nd and 3rd Avenue Festivals NYC

St. Anthony's Feast Sullivan St.

Our Lady Pompeii Feast (Festa Italiana)
Carmine & Bleeker St. NYC

RAZZLES SPEAK TO PASTOR RIFEST

Our Lady Mt. Carmel 187 street Bronx

St. Anthony's Bronx

13th Avenue Brooklyn Razzles, con games gambling in gas station

17th Avenue Brooklyn Razzles con games gambling in streets

Black Jack Wheels dice craps - Las Vegas Lo to Cards

20th Avenue Early August

Harway Ave. Brooklyn " " " "

Court and Carroll Sts. Brooklyn Razzles con games rings with money wrapped blocks of wood gambling with a charitable organization fronting it. They use a nice tent to make it look legit.

18th Avenue Labor day The Gambino's don't want no con games - they bring heat. They say they make enough with their tent over a gas station on 18th Avenue and 71st. Brooklyn. \$200,000.00 is nothing from their gambling operation with a small donation to the church.

September the big one SAN GENNARO's The West Side gang cleans up here. and us vendors get screwed good. Rents of five six and eight thousand dollars a spot are nothing. The Mob get fat here. Why don't the mayor or somebody do something to help us. The city Should operated these festivals and fairs we don't mind paying our taxes to the city but being shaken down is to much. a citizen



Raymond Dearie,
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Federal Building (Court House)
225 Cadman Plaza
Brooklyn New York 11201

Memorandum



To : SAC, CLEVELAND

Date 2/13/86

From : SA

Subject :

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Dates of Contact

12/3/85 & 1/16/86

File #s on which contacted (Use Titles if File #s not available)

NY183-3449

NY183-2183

BA194-166

PH182-0

SV87-0

Purpose and results of contact

NEGATIVE
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Description of
 Statistical Accomplishment

Title of Case

File No.

PERSONAL DATA

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STATISTICAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Number of Subjects Arrested:
 - a) FBI _____
 - b) Other Federal Agencies _____
 - c) State and Local Agencies _____

2. Number of Subjects Identified and/or Located:
 - a) FBI _____
 - b) Other Federal Agencies _____
 - c) State and Local Agencies _____

3. Number of Investigative Matters Initiated:
 - a) FBI _____
 - b) Other Federal Agencies _____
 - c) State and Local Agencies _____

4. Number of Items of Informant Information Disseminated: _____

5. Number of Violent Acts Prevented: _____

6. Number of Times Informant Information Used
In Search Warrant Affidavits:
 - a) FBI _____
 - b) Other Federal Agencies _____
 - c) State and Local Agencies _____

7. Number of Times Informant Information Used
in Title III Affidavits:
 - a) FBI _____
 - b) Other Federal Agencies _____
 - c) State and Local Agencies _____

8. Number of Times Informant Information Used
in Obtaining Complaint/Information:
 - a) FBI _____
 - b) Other Federal Agencies _____
 - c) State and Local Agencies _____

9. Merchandise Recovered (value):
 - a) FBI _____
 - b) Other Federal Agencies _____
 - c) State and Local Agencies _____

10. Potential Economic Loss Prevented:
 - a) FBI _____
 - b) Other Federal Agencies _____
 - c) State and Local Agencies _____

11. Number of Convictions Obtained as a Result of
Information Furnished by Informants or as a Result
of Other Significant Operational Assistance
Furnished:
 - a) FBI _____
 - b) Other Federal Agencies _____
 - c) State and Local Agencies _____

12. Number of Times Undercover Agent or Other Law
Enforcement Officer Introduced into an
Investigative Matter by Informants:
 - a) FBI Cases _____
 - b) Other Federal Agencies Cases (specify) _____
 - c) State and Local Agencies Cases (specify) _____

RE: [REDACTED]

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(NY183-2449)

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On December 3, 1985, [REDACTED] furnished the following information to SA [REDACTED]

Source reported that all "street gambling" or razzle games operated in New York City are controlled by the LCN. Many of these games are arranged through [REDACTED] of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, who is affiliated with but independent of, carnival shows operating throughout the United States. Source stated that [REDACTED] as well as other razzle game operators, are required to pay fifty percent of their take to [REDACTED], who pays half of this sum to [REDACTED] (phonetic). [REDACTED] work for an individual named [REDACTED] who is an associate of "CHIN" GIGANTE. Source stated that both [REDACTED] and GIGANTE are associated with the GENOVESE LCN family in New York. Source stated that razzle games, which are commonly operated in conjunction with carnivals, must payoff to organized crime figures where ever they are operated. [REDACTED] must be paid to operate a razzle game in any of New York City's street feasts, one of which is operated annually by [REDACTED] partner [REDACTED] a white male about 45 to 50 years old. To operate a razzle game in other locations in New York City, razzle operators must pay either [REDACTED] (phonetic), a bag man who picks up for [REDACTED]

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Source stated that source has met [REDACTED] through [REDACTED] and that source and [REDACTED] often patronize [REDACTED] the CASA ROSA RESTAURANT, which is located on Court Street in Brooklyn, New York.

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RE: [REDACTED]

INFORMATION CONCERNING
(NY183-2183)

On December 3, 1985 [REDACTED] furnished the following information to SA [REDACTED]

Source is acquainted with one [REDACTED] a carnival employee who was recently busted for possession of a large amount of cocaine. Source stated that [REDACTED] is himself a heavy dealer in cocaine and continues to deal in narcotics.

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- Priority
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Date 2/13/86

TO: ADIC, NEW YORK (183-3449)
(PERSONAL ATTENTION)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (C)

RE:

Enclosed for each addressee are two copies of an insert reporting items of potential interest.

For information of recipients, in December, 1985, captioned source contacted Special Agents of the Cleveland Division and volunteered to provide information on a confidential basis and, possibly, eventual testimony, concerning LCN control over street gambling activities in New York City, major thefts from gold and jewelry salesmen occurring throughout the country and other matters of interest to the FBI.

OCIS inquiry verified a significant portion of the information provided by source, tending to establish a reasonable degree of confidence in source's credibility. For instance, information provided by source concerning payments by razzle game operators to [redacted] [redacted] tribute payments to [redacted] appears to be consistent with information contained in OCIS. This information indicates that one [redacted] and his associate, [redacted] are criminally associated in a gambling operation and that [redacted] described as a

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member of the same LCN crew as VINCENT LOUIS GIGANTE, aka., "CHIN", meets daily with [redacted] at [redacted] CASA ROSA RESTAURANT to "discuss monies earned from razzle games." Cleveland also notes that [redacted] who source reported to operate the Court Street Feast in partnership with [redacted], may be the [redacted] referred to in OCIS as an associate of GIGANTE, to whom GIGANTE loaned a large sum of money in 1979. Similarly, it is noted that OCIS contains a reference to one [redacted] [redacted] and describes [redacted] as a carnival employee, LCN associate and narcotics trafficker. This individual may be identical to the [redacted] referred to by source as the [redacted] both of whom are involved in cocaine distribution.

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Source, who is involved with carnival shows, travels extensively and was to have maintained contact with handling Agents by periodic telephone calls. This has not been done and, for this reason, this file is being placed in a closed status, subject to being re-opened should source re-establish contact.

Receiving offices are requested to assess the validity of the information provided by source and to advise Cleveland of areas in which further questioning/targeting may be desired, should this case be re-opened.

Mr. Rudolph Giuliani
United States Attorney
Southern District

Dear Mr. Giuliani:

Recent accounts in the newspapers and television on organized crime convictions, has been very encouraging on those of us who have been stung by the viciousness and coldbloodedness of these parasites.

The conviction of Anthony "Fat Tony" Salerno has been long over due. Law enforcement officials such as yourself, as well as those of us who make a living in the streets have known for some time that the true boss of the Genevese crime family is Vincent "The Chin" Gigante.

I can only tell you how astounded I was when reading the Sunday morning daily news I came across an article "vincent Gigante" crazy like a fox. Every word in that article is true, especially for those of us who know him. This ruthless coniving son of a bitch thinks he is Veto Genevese. He tries to pattern his life in the foot steps of some ~~f~~/~~f~~/~~f~~ of the most notorious mafiosi ever to walk the streets of New York. Here is a man who pretends that he's sick, his heart hurts, his head hurts, his ass hurts, anyone who can order the death of scores of men and can sanction the sale of narcotics or who can order bodily injury on those poor suckers who can't come up with the vig has to have something wrong with him. Since Frank "Funzi" Tieri died the ~~Chin~~ consolidated all his power and is now the strongest mafia boss in the United States. You and your crew went after the heads of the other families with great success. A lot of us of Italian decent are greatful to you and to the U.S. Govt. for taking some of these roaches off the streets. Your job is not done though,. I know the chin, I play cards with him, I eat with him, I accompany him to his hair cuts and I swear to you that he's a sick man, and deserves to be taken care of, in confinement and some secret military hospital on a secret military base. For the hell that he's put countless people through he deserves to spend the rest of his earthly life in solitary confinement along with his trusted underboss [REDACTED] and his consiglieri [REDACTED]

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Alot of us on the street believe that it was really a mission impossible for a young Italian U.S. Attorney to take on the mob and win. These old mustache petes always elevated themselves to a level where they can't be touched. The Chin thinks that he mastered this technology, but he the most vulnerable of all. He hides in his club at 208 Sullivan street, or stays at his mommy's house across the the street. When you or the F.B.I. put heat on him or his family he runs up and down Sullivan street with a heavy beard or his baby blue bathrobe. Veto Genevese would never have done this, how could this fag think he's in the shoes of these men. I am sure your spies in the streets have brought back alot of useful information so you could use it on him when its his time to go to trial. You know that Fat Tony Salerno really didn't keep all the money from the concrete business, he has to share it with his boss Vinny "Chin "Gigante. The money that this family made on the Javits convention center, world trade center, and all new construction is just a fraction of what they made from prostitution, and the control sale from narcotics. The Chin and his consiglieri [redacted]

[redacted] honestly believe that every inch of N.Y.C. and the surrounding boroughs belong to them. A good friend of mine had a spot in the San Gennaro feast on Mulberry street for many years. This guy would take his wagon and sell his food in all feasts but because he complained to one of [redacted] underlings that the kick back money is increasing too much from season to season. [redacted] ordered his underling [redacted] to throw him out of all feasts. After 25 years of working in the streets my friend can no longer earn a living. He says he wished he had the nerve to come in and talk to the F.B.I. but he knows that if he did he would be a dead man. [redacted] bragged that he's got stool pigeons in the F.B.I. and on every level of the N.Y.C. police dept. Those of us that want to cooperate with the law can't even trust them/ I think you are about the only one decent Americans can trust. Its a disgrace that every street fair in N.Y.C. even when we travel to New Jersey, CONN. or upstate to Monroe N.Y. we have to pay a tax above the rent to [redacted] There are two people with [redacted] who do the collecting for him. One is [redacted] and the other is [redacted]

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[redacted] Even the wagons in your front yard belong to [redacted]

You can see that if you come out your front door, your back door, or even if you through yourself out the window, no matter which way you turn you find the Chin's family making money and devading taxes on the sidewalks of good old NEW YORK.

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On August 30, 1988, [redacted] advised Special Agent [redacted] as follows:

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ALPHONE VITALE, or "Funzi," is currently the President of the San Gennaro Association, which conducts the annual San Gennaro Festival in Little Italy in September.

"Funzi" is the owner of VITALE'S FUNERAL HOME, 33 Spring Street, New York City. His family has been in the funeral business for years.

Source's friend got a sausage stand at the San Gennaro feast a year ago, and he had to pay \$1,300.00 to the organization for the stand, plus \$2,500.00 in an envelope "for the boys." Last year this friend talked to [redacted] about the cost of a stand, [redacted] said the envelope would never go higher.

Source advised each block of the feast has a block captain, a type of "spotter," who oversees things, works out problems, et cetera. These would be lower level guys such as [redacted] for example. They particularly keep an eye on the food stands.

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A guy named [redacted] used to be in charge of the feast. He was associated with [redacted] PASTRIES, which has a GENOVESE family connection. There will be several [redacted] pastry stands at the feast.

The electrical work for the feast will probably be done by a place called MIGLIACCIO, located on the east side, either Spring or Prince Street.

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In general, people go to either [redacted] "Baldy Dom" CANTERINO for problems regarding the Saint Anthony's Feast, and that may be true of the San Gennaro as well.

Out of the San Gennaro feast proceeds, source states the largest percentage goes to VINCENT "Chin" GIGANTE, and also a large chunk goes to JOHN GOTTI. The block captains also get a cut.

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Sept. 6, 1988

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Dear Mr. Giuliani:

I'm writing to inform you of a multi million dollar Mob operated business controlled by Genovese Family Cap. [redacted]

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[redacted] This little bald fag controls every single street feast in the tri-state area. On Sept. 15 one of his biggest feasts begins on Mulberry St. Those of us who worked the feast in past have now found out that we must pay \$3500. For a spot on city property that years ago we only had to pay \$800. [redacted] won't allow you to put a garbage pail on the sidewalk without paying him tribute [redacted] That [redacted] wants everybody to call him, operates out of [redacted] 99-1/2 Leonard St. Social Club

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The Feast is operated by his three
stooges Alfonse Vitale [redacted]

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The three Stooges run the San Gennaro
Feast out of a trailer located on
the corner of Mulberry & Hester sts.
Right in front of Matty the Horse's
Umberto Clam House. The three Stooges
cover up the excessive rents by claiming
members only pay \$900. This can easily
be done because [redacted] owns

50 Game trailers. [redacted] is into
him good. [redacted] not only fronts the
for the Mob but has to kick in some
very serious cash. The word on the street
is that while mob family boss Vincent
Chin Gigante is recovering from a
serious operation [redacted] having a bea

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picnic out here.

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Some of [REDACTED] RACKET Games are called RAZZLE Games. The unsuspecting public has to double up their bets, losing hundreds of dollars in a matter of minutes.

From April to Sept. [REDACTED] RAKES [REDACTED] b6 b7C
14 millions in cold cash.

IF you want to bring [REDACTED] into the halls of Justice [REDACTED]

ARREST [REDACTED]

on TAX evasion. These two queens will definitely STRIKE. A deal and hand over some of the present days biggest mob figures in the Genovese Crime Family, including Vincent Chin Gigante the perennial Coo Coo Actor. Information has been given to the mayor's office ("Very Corrupt") Public

MORALS DIVISION (5) N.Y.P.D., N.Y.S.

ORGANIZED CRIME BUREAU, MR. [REDACTED]

the F.B.I., the I.R.S. and your
OFFICE.

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[REDACTED] Reaction and contempt
For the LAW makes him blurt out
From his sloppy Fag mouth, that
the STREETS belong to HIM along
with all the wagons and the light
ARChes, and nobody can tell him
What to do except for the "Chin".
My Friends just finished working Santa
Rosalia's Feast on 18th Ave in B'KLYN

For John "STROKE" Gambino [REDACTED]
who give thanks to Santa Rosalia for
making them brons in all the coke in
B'KLYN and selling it to this generation
of Shit heads. [REDACTED]

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JFW:jls

On October 27, 1988, [redacted] advised SA [redacted] as follows:

CARL BENEDETTI (DOB: March 2, 1957), was doing construction work in 1984 when he was approached by [redacted] [redacted] who told BENEDETTI he did not need to get his hands dirty, that he [redacted] could find some work for him. BENEDETTI was found dead in the Bronx 3 days later, wrapped in a rug. Source believes he was killed either over a girl he was seeing whom he'd been ordered not to see, or because he may have "ripped off" a drug location. Source believes he was running a casino for [redacted] at the time he was killed.

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[redacted] is a musician and not known to be involved in LCN activities. In about 1982, however, CARL BENEDETTI contacted [redacted] [redacted] "CHIN" GIGANTE, to arrange an appointment with a [redacted] who had his own music management company at that time. [redacted] told [redacted] he could help him, but he would have to drop his band, which he was unwilling to do. [redacted] is currently a high level executive with CBS RECORDS.

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Source is of the opinion that [redacted] is the "weakest link" of those working with [redacted] and that he would get out if he could. [redacted] is very much in fear of [redacted] and in fact, source states [redacted] is more feared generally by everyone than CHIN. Source states the guys will joke with CHIN when he is around, but never with [redacted]

About 1 1/2 years ago a guy named [redacted] disappeared. He had owed a lot of money, and [redacted] said the guys on Sullivan Street were looking for him.

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Regarding the San Genarro feast, [redacted] could be interviewed. He has had a stand for years at the feast, and has become more resentful at the amount required in the "envelope." He had to pay \$2,500 for his booth last time, and \$1,100 for lights. (the lights are strung up by [redacted])

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JOHN GOTTI was down at San Genarro this year every night, making his appearance. [REDACTED] was one of the guys running the feast, along with FUNZI VITALE.

CHIN is living with his mother all the time now, he is treated by a [REDACTED] who has been see at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is upset because [REDACTED] is now trying to take her apartment away from her. (He bought it for her several years ago). A girl named DEBORAH GILO (spelling unknown), died of a gunshot to the head while in [REDACTED] apartment, within the last 2 years. [REDACTED] was never charged with the death, and [REDACTED] believes he had something to do with it. GILO had a baby by [REDACTED] and was arguing with him about the baby up until her death. [REDACTED] is prone to violence. [REDACTED] is a longtime cocaine user, and habitually has a psychologically dominant effect on women.

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On October 2, 1988, [redacted] advised SA [redacted] as follows:

[redacted] used to run all the feasts for CHIN until he was thrown out. [redacted] has all his games (gambling games, roulette wheels, etc.) stored in New Jersey. He is a coke-head and free baser. The LCN gets 50 per cent of the proceeds from games at the feasts.

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GREGORY DeCURTIS [redacted] has become very friendly with ROCCO ARENA [redacted] (ROCCO set up the murder of GREGORY DeCURTIS).

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On October 1, 1988 [redacted] advised S.A. [redacted] of the following:

[redacted] used to run all the feasts, including [redacted]. He was heavily involved in drugs also. He became too greedy, and "CHIN" GIGANTE made him get out of the neighborhood. He currently lives in FLORIDA, where he has been for a few years, and is involved in the medical equipment business. He may be in the MIAMI area. He would now be in his early to "mid-fifties. He is still a drug-user, particularly free-basing. He is a very good-looking guy, and always has several women around. At one time he was involved sexually with a 12 year old girl, who was living with him. A woman from the [redacted] still goes down to see him on occasion. [redacted] is also involved with FRANKIE "CONDORO." She lives in the area of [redacted] ("CONDORO" lives across the street.

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Source suggests [redacted] as a possibility for interview regarding GENOVESE control of feast, since he has a standing grudge against CHIN. Another interview target could be [redacted]

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BASILIO'S RESTAURANT on STATEN ISLAND. Her family owned a fish store on THOMPSON STREET in the Village for years, and she ran a zeppoli (fried pastry) stand at the SAN GENARRO feast on a regular basis.

Regarding the games at the SAN GENARRO, source advised each game currently must give 50% of its take to the GENOVESE family.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

Date: 1/24/89

TO : SAC II, [REDACTED] (INV)

FROM : SA [REDACTED] (C-6)

SUBJECT : [REDACTED]

Dates of Contact

9/28/88

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On September 28, 1988 [redacted] advised S.A. [redacted] as follows:

GREGORY DECURTIS was killed because he was shooting his month off that he worked for JOHN GOTTI, not because of the fight he had with ROCCO ARENA.

About six months ago (approximately March, 1988) ROCCO went to Sullivan Street to CHIN, to ask for the hit. DECURTIS was found on Bleecker Street, in front of Grandpa's Restaurant. The perpetrators got away on motorcycles. ROCCO was standing in front of ZITO'S BREAD store and saw what happened. ROCCO is about age 31. He is coming up very fast, and may be the one who did the hit on CARL BENDETTI. He (ROCCO) used to run HEARTBREAK'S DISCO. He currently runs card games on Bedford St.

A woman named [redacted] is involved with [redacted] [redacted] a Jewish guy about 65-70 years old, who has had several heart attacks. He is a numbers man and shylock collector, and works for [redacted] is considered a stand-up guy, and once did some time for [redacted]

ROCCO [redacted] was recently told to stay away from Sullivan Street for awhile, that something was going on.

A guy named [redacted] gambled away about 100,000 and is afraid now, as [redacted] is angry with him. [redacted] was previously homeless and used to sleep behind the bar and used to sleep behind the bar at TETLEY'S. ROCCO put a suit on him and made him a numbers runner. He is about 30.

A guy named [redacted] who is [redacted] had a stand for a few days at the SAN GENANNO FEAST this year. He closed it because of too much "bullshit." He may have a grudge.

ROCCO and a guy named [redacted] hang around at the AMERICANO CAFE and DOROTHINI'S PIZZA. FRANKIE CONDO goes in the AMERICANO also. Cocaine is sold out of there through [redacted] a guy named [redacted]

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On May 23, 1989, [redacted] advised Special Agent (SA) [redacted] as follows:

There may be problems regarding [redacted] now running [redacted] territory. [redacted] is a violent type and very impulsive. There is a considerable amount of "bad blood" between [redacted] and guys in the neighborhood, regarding old scores.

The St. Anthony's Feast will be running this year June 3, 1989 through June 13, 1989. The lights were put up very early this time. "CHIN" will have his usual seafood stand on the northwest corner of Houston and Sullivan. He likes to make a showing there.

[redacted] is more and more disgusted at the greediness in the feasts. Source believes he might talk if approached but he is greatly afraid of [redacted]

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GENOVESE LA COSA NOSTRA
CONTROL OF STREET FAIRS AND FEASTS
RACKETEER INFLUENCED AND CORRUPT ORGANIZATIONS

The GENOVESE LA COSA NOSTRA (LCN) FAMILY has historically controlled street fairs, carnivals and festivals in the New York area. This control was exercised for years by Salvatore (Skinny Sal) CELAMBRINO and was passed to [redacted] when SAL died in 1971.

The instant case was opened in August, 1985 upon receipt of an anonymous letter to the United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of New York (EDNY). The letter outlined in knowledgeable detail the GENOVESE control of street fairs, including the roles of GENOVESE boss VINCENT "Chin" GIGANTE and underboss [redacted]

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Subsequently, more anonymous letters were received further elucidating the above, plus confidential source information was gathered from several areas which substantiated the allegation.

Though it was felt that the case represented fertile territory for potential Group II Undercover Activity, and the various anonymous letters appeared to be from knowledgeable individuals with accurate information, no witnesses actually came forward, and C-6 Squad did not have the personnel or time available to pursue the matter. Accordingly, in 1987 the case was closed.

In September, 1988, the case was re-opened due to the assigned Case Agent having a confidential source providing some information on the feasts, particularly the annual San Genarro Feast, held every September. The San Genarro is the largest of the New York street Fairs, and the most lucrative and heavily controlled by the LCN.

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BENOVESE LA COSA NOSTRA

In August, 1988, plans were laid for a Group II Undercover project involving the San Genarro Feast. Subsequently, however, the project was aborted since security problems could not be overcome.

Since the September San Genarro Feast would be the one most suitable to penetration by law enforcement due to its large size and lesser scrutiny of vendors, NYO is closing this case at this time, with the possibility of a re-opening at the appropriate time.

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In June, 1989, [redacted] advised Special Agent (SA) [redacted] as follows:

ROCCO ARENA is opening a business near his Bedford Street club. Source did not know what kind. ARENA told his [redacted] "You can put anything you want in there."

FRANKIE CONDO (California Frank) was seen going by the cafe at 142 Sullivan Street. He had new false teeth and looked funny. ROCCO ARENA's friend [redacted] is working in the cafe and was seen being pulled aside by FRANKIE to discuss something quietly. This used to be called JOE MUTT'S PLACE.

[redacted] refuses to work the San Genarro feast anymore, because the "envelope" has gotten so high. Source heard it is \$5,000 per booth this year for a food stand.

[redacted] was always crazy, walking around openly with guns, hatchets, etc. "Chin" GIGANTE has given him carte blanche in the neighborhood. His drug habit is well known. He had an amphetamine warehouse in New Jersey once with ANTHONY RUSSO.

[redacted] has taken on as a partner at the club on Sullivan (107 Sullivan Street), drives a Mercedes and also a pickup truck. Source still has no last name on him, but it is something like [redacted]

Source recently heard that "Chin" serves as a type of interfamily "consigliere" when there is an interfamily dispute, and has had this role for years.

The CAFE NERO on 175 Mulberry Street looks newly cleaned up and very neat. This is [redacted] place. FRANKIE CONDO has been spending a lot of time at EL PASO on 14th Street and also ACA JOE'S and the AMERICANO CAFE.

A friend of source's played saxophone with [redacted] [redacted] and said [redacted] never got anywhere until he got mob connections.

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